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U. S. SUPREME COURT DISSOLVES THE STANDARD OIL TRUST

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Epoch Making Decision Marks the Highway of Industrial Progress In America--Prevents Combinations for the Restraint of Trade.

(From Chicago Tribune)

Washington, D. C., May 15.—The Standard Oil company of New Jersey and its nineteen subsidiary corporations were declared today by the Supreme Court of the United States to be a conspiracy and combination in restraint of trade.

It also was held to be monopolizing interstate commerce in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law. The dissolution of the combination was ordered to take place within six months.

Thus ended the tremendous struggle on the part of the government to put down by authority of law a combination which it claimed was a menace to the industrial and economic advancement of the entire country.

Limits to "Undue" Restraint.

At the same time the court interpreted the Sherman anti-trust law so as to limit its application to acts of "undue" restraint of trade. It was on this point that the only discordant note was heard in the court.

Justice Harlan dissented, claiming that cases already decided by the court had determined once for all that the word "undue" or "unreasonable," or similar words, were not in the statute. He declared that the reasoning of the court in arriving at its finding was in effect legislation which belonged in every instance to congress and not to the courts.

The opinion of the court was announced by Chief Justice White. In printed form it contained more than 20,000 words. For nearly an hour the chief justice discussed the case from the bench, going over most of the points in the printed opinion but not once referring to it in order to refresh his memory.

Distinguished Men Listen.

Before him sat a distinguished audience of the most famous men of the country, Senators and representatives left their respective chambers in the capitol to listen to the epoch-making decision of the court.

Most eager to hear were Attorney General Wickersham and Frank B. Kellogg, special counsel of the government, who had conducted the great fight against the Standard Oil.

None of the brilliant array of counsel for the corporations or individual defendants was present in the court during the reading of the opinion.

Today, as on previous days for months past, rival broker agents with messengers in line to the various telephone and telegraph instruments throughout the capital were on hand, but to their dismay the announcement of the decision was not begun until an hour after the closing of the stock markets.

Defends "Rule of Reason."

By far the greater portion of the opinion of the chief justice was devoted to the justification of the court in requiring that the "rule of reason" be applied to restraints of trade before they were held to be violations of the Sherman antitrust law.

The court found this justification in the common law of the forefathers and in the general law of the country at the time the Sherman antitrust law was passed.

In short, the court held that the technical words of the statute were to be given the meaning which those words had in the common law and in the law of the country at the time of the enactment.

This meaning of the words according to the court called for the exercises of reason in determining what restraints on trade were prohibited.

Most Complete of Trusts.

In the course of the opinion, Chief Justice White recalled that the lower court—the United States Circuit Court of Eastern Missouri—had found that the effect of the acquisition by the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey of the shares of other corporations in exchange for its certificates, gave to the corporation an enlarged and more perfect sway and control over the trade and commerce in petroleum and its products.

The effect of this, Justice White said the lower court held, was to destroy "the potentiality of com-

petition" to such an extent as to be a combination of conspiracy in restraint of trade in violation of the first section of the Sherman act and also to be an attempt at a monopolization which became a perennial violation of the second section.

"We see no cause to doubt the correctness of these conclusions," said the chief justice, "considering the subject from every aspect."

Ruthless Crushing of Rivals.

Ranging over a career of thirty-two years, the Standard Oil company is found by the court to have had one continuous purpose—the crushing out of rivals. In subjecting to scrutiny the acts and doings of Standard Oil in the long distant past for the purpose of getting assistance in discovering intent and purpose, Justice White said:

"We think no disinterested mind can survey the period in question without being irresistibly driven to the conclusion that the very genius for commercial development and organization which it would seem was manifested from the beginning soon began an intent and purpose to exclude others, which was frequently manifested by acts and dealings wholly inconsistent with the theory that they were made with the single conception of advancing the development of business power by usual methods, but which, on the contrary, necessarily involved the intent to drive others from the field and to exclude them from their right to trade and thus accomplish the mastery which was the end in view."

Monopoly Intent Continuous.

"And, considering the period from the date of the trust agreements of 1879 and 1882 up to the time of the expansion of the New Jersey corporation, the gradual extension of the power over the commerce in oil which ensued, the decision of the Supreme court of Ohio the tardiness or reluctance in conforming to the demands of that decision, the method first adopted, and that which finally culminated in the plan of the New Jersey corporation, all additionally serve to make manifest the continued existence of the intent which we have previously indicated, and which, among other things, impeded the expansion of the New Jersey corporation."

No Question Remains.

"The exercise of the power which resulted from that organization fortifies the foregoing conclusions, since the development which came, the acquisition here and there which ensued of every efficient means by which competition could have been asserted, the slow but resistless methods which followed by which means of transportation were absorbed and brought under control, the system of marketing which was adopted, by which the country was divided into districts and the trade in each district in oil was turned over to a designated corporation within the combination and all others were excluded, all lead the mind up to a conviction of a purpose and intent which we think is so certain as practically the cause the subject not to be within the domain of reasonable contention."

Philitea Glass Meeting.

Tuesday evening the girls of the Philitea class, of the Methodist Sunday school, held a class meeting at the home of Miss Esther McCrory on Sophia street. An election was held in which the following class officers were elected:

President, Maude Marks; vice-president, Bertie Tomlinson; secretary, Edna Mow; treasurer, Rose Matthews; librarian, Helen Fraley.

After the business part was settled games were played and refreshments served.

On to Richmond.

Quite a number of ladies and gentlemen of the Womens Relief Corp and G. A. R. went to Richmond today to attend the encampment of the G. A. R. Among them were Mrs. Elen Burroughs, Mrs. R. S. Houghton, Mrs. Nettie Heminger, Mrs. M. J. Field, Mr. and Mrs. E. Price, Dr. F. M. Burkett and L. Tanner.

LETTERS FROM MEMBERS TELL OF FAR LANDS

SATURDAY CLUB HEARS MOST INTERESTING DESCRIPTIONS OF ENGLAND AND WESTERN UNITED STATES.

HAVE FRIENDSHIP DAY

English Roses Sent From the Grave of Ann Hathaway by Mrs. Young—Alice Freeman Palmer.

Saturday was Friendship Day for the Saturday Club which held its meeting with Mrs. Kilmer. There was a large attendance and each one responded to roll call with a thought on friendship. It is the custom of the Club once each year to receive letters from those members who have removed from Plymouth.

Mrs. Ada Corbin responded from Portland, Oregon, with a letter full of beautiful description of the scenery in that far off state.

Mrs. J. H. Willey wrote from San Diego, Cal., a breezy letter giving a comprehensive description of that end of the Pacific coast. She spoke of the Army and Navy stationed there guarding our boundary. Also of the trees and flowers, stating that a Plymouth florist, Miss Rose Tscheler, had won a medal for the beautiful pansies she produced.

Mrs. Ada Kelley, wrote from Pueblo, Colorado, "where woman is as good as man." She says that she has voted twice, and that the mothers and other women who should be interested do not vote as a rule, but that the women of the underworld vote early and often.

Mrs. Dickey wrote from Idaho, of the glories of Boise City, and sent a set of views to prove her statements. All these ladies are in raptures over the far West, but express a longing for picturesque little Plymouth and the Saturday Club.

Mrs. Angelica Thayer Young wrote a delightful letter from England, telling of a recent motor trip in which she visited Windsor Castle, Oxford, Cambridge, Bunyan's home, Shakespeare's home at Stratford-on-Avon. She sent some English primroses from the grave of Ann Hathaway. Each one present felt as if she had enjoyed a pleasant visit with these ladies.

The letters were in charge of Miss Klinger who had written to the absent ones asking them to tell something of their homes, impressions of their localities, and which subject of the year's work, most interested them.

Mrs. Harris and Schell played a pleasing instrumental duet.

Miss Mary Southworth followed with a very interesting biography of Alice Freeman Palmer, the first woman president of Wellesley College. This wonderful woman was a marvel of learning, executive ability and the power to attract and hold all who came in contact with her. Her life was consecrated to the good of the girls who were her students.

The next meeting which will be the annual picnic will be held with Mrs. Nellie Cressner.

Big Eastern Star Meeting.

There was a large attendance at the Eastern Star Tuesday night and a pleasant and profitable time was enjoyed by all. Mrs. Jacob McDuffie and Miss Blanche McCoy were initiated.

Erma Humrichouser, and Opal English sang and Mr. J. H. Bishop rendered a piano solo, which was encored. Refreshments were served, after which some talks were made by a number of members.

Going To New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wolford left Tuesday for Levy, N. M., to visit their son Fred. They will be gone for several weeks. They may look over a little at the Insurrectos to see what real war is like.

MOTHER'S DAY.

Impressive Service is Held at the Presbyterian Church Sunday Morning.

The custom, now followed widely, of observing a Sunday devoted to the nature and charms of motherhood, was recognized at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning. The parts about the pulpit were ornamented with white and pink lilacs and white carnations. The program for the morning was arranged with reference to the main theme. Three special musical numbers were sung with marked effect upon the audience. Messrs. Leonard and Mortland sang a duet, "Meet Mother in the Skies." Immediately preceding the sermon and preparing the way for it, Miss Julia Yockey sang that sweet solo, "My Mother's Prayer."

The pastor had for his theme, "The Blessing of Motherhood." This was followed immediately with the well known song, "Tell Mother I'll be True." Mr. Ralph Leonard singing very impressively the solo part, and the quartette singing the chorus. Many hearts were touched and will doubtless be better for the good thoughts stirred within them by the service.

In the course of his sermon the pastor referred to the exalted nature of motherhood, and quoted testimony from literature and life as to the great influence which mothers have had both for good and evil. Reasons for this great influence were assigned including the influence for Christianity in exalting motherhood, and the duty to be discharged was pointed out. The service will be long remembered by all those who were present.

A HOME TEAM FOR BASE BALL THIS SUMMER

SUBSCRIPTIONS BEING SECURED FOR SUSTAINING A NINE FROM THE BOYS IN PLYMOUTH.

WILL CHOOSE MANAGER

"Lys" Lemert or H. M. Tebay May Be Placed at the Head Organization For Season.

Subscriptions are being taken to support a base-ball team of Marshall County boys this summer. A large number have already signed in sums ranging from \$1 to \$10 and the list continues to grow. Ralph Ness has been out for two days soliciting the subscriptions. It is said by those in charge of the petition that it is probable "Lys" Lemert may be induced to take charge of the team, a choice may fall on H. M. Tebay, whose ability in this direction is also exceptional.

It is felt that there are enough good ball players in this county to get up a "crackerjack" of a team and the base-ball enthusiasts, otherwise called "fans" are tickled over the prospects of a team that will make some good sport for the season.

The total amount of the subscriptions on Saturday was \$100. Ralph Ness started the team two years ago that ended in the "Clippers" who made such a good record for Plymouth.

Attention Mozart Club!

Word has been received that the train arriving here at 6:00 p. m., will stop at Bourbon for the convenience of those going to the concert. Should there be any members of the club who cannot go, will they please notify Mrs. A. R. Underwood before noon on Thursday? Be at station soon after 5:30.

SPRINKLING OF STREETS BEGINS MONDAY

DUST ERA IN PLYMOUTH WILL BE BROUGHT TO AN END BY FREQUENT APPLICATIONS FROM WAGON.

WATER TROUBLES OVER

Wm. Detwiler Will Get Water From The Unused Wells of the City And Thus Cut Costs.

The dust era in Plymouth is about over according to statements made by Wm. Detwiler, owner of the sprinkling wagon. He sprinkled Laport and Michigan streets Saturday, mostly on his own hook, and partly because Chas. Reynolds had arranged for him to sprinkle Laporte street.

Mr. Detwiler stated that sprinkling would in all probability begin again for the season on Monday. The work has thus far been postponed because of the charge meter rental for water by the city, and also partly because of the trouble Mr. Detwiler has had in collecting from some of those who have been taking the water sprinkling.

It has now been arranged that he will get his supply of water from the unused wells of the city, the "red" water as it is called. The cost of this will be only to pump it, and this will greatly reduce the cost of the water from that of last year.

Mr. Detwiler states that the charge will be the same as heretofore: 25c for the ordinary business place and 50c for the dry goods houses each week.

The unprecedented time of dust we have had the past three weeks or more has made everybody desirous of something being done in the matter and it seems that a solution has been arrived at which will be quite satisfactory, until something better than water can be secured for sprinkling.

IMPROVING THE CRYSTAL.

The Leagues Are Making Many New Changes for the Protection of the Public.

The Crystal has closed its doors for a short time while the management are making much needed repairs. The inclined floor has all been torn out and rearranged so that the audience will face Michigan street, with the curtain in front between two doors, one on each side with a lobby between the curtain and entrances.

The seating capacity has been increased about seventy-five chairs and with numerous electric fans will make the Crystal one of the finest moving picture houses in Northern Indiana considering the size of the city.

The operating room will be in the rear in a fire proof asbestos lined room, absolutely safe from the large audience that attend nightly.

The new arrangement is heartily approved by the Board of Underwriters and will be much appreciated by the patrons of the house.

The management will continue to give first class films and at the same old price of five cents.

Albert Bohmer Hurt.

Albert Bohmer of North township was injured quite severely Monday, when his horse became frightened and threw him from a planter. His left ear was almost torn off.

Attend Dental Convention.

Drs. E. R. Danforth, Clifford W. Burkett of this city and Dr. Dunfee of Bourbon left Tuesday for Indianapolis, where they will attend the State Dental Convention.

A NOVEL ENTERTAINMENT.

A Public Court Trial in Which Prominent People Will Participate.

Among the most successful and popular entertainments of the times are the Mock Court Trials given under the direction of an expert-Col. A. V. Newton, the well-known lawyer-lecturer of Worcester, Mass.

Many cities in various parts of the country, have been greatly excited over them, as attested by the lengthy and favorable reports in the leading newspapers, and best of all by the great audiences that have packed the largest halls and opera houses to the doors; in many cases the interest being so great that every seat has been sold in advance and hundreds turned away unable even to obtain standing room.

One of these popular entertainments will be given under the auspices of the Saturday Club, in the Orpheum, on Friday evening, May 19th, for the benefit of Public Library.

It will be assured that one of our most respected and prominent citizens has been trifling with the affections of a young and beautiful widow of this city and will have to answer to the Breach of Promise suit brought against him, and there will be fun without limit.

Indeed, it is safe to predict that it will be many moons before the walls of the Orpheum will again re-echo with so much laughter as will be heard on that occasion. Additional interest will be created in the trial from the fact that a large number of our prominent people will be participants. All the rules of a regular court of justice will be observed.

JURY TO HEAR ALL EVIDENCE IN GRUBE CASE

STATE SENATOR REPORTED ABOUT TO LEAVE TOWN TO AVOID BREACH OF PROMISE SUIT.

HEAR FRIDAY NIGHT

Orpheum Theatre Will Be Crowded By Anxious Citizens Awaiting Outcome of Notorious Trial.

On Friday evening, May 19th., before Judge S. N. Stevens, at the Orpheum, Senator Grube a well known and highly respected citizen of this city will stand as defendant in a Breach of Promise suit brought by one of Plymouth's fair daughters.

Judge Stevens says the case is one of the most interesting that has ever been tried before him while Harley Logan, Esq. and Col. Newton the lawyers for the respective parties agree that it is one of the most complicated in which they have been retained. The defendant in this startling case offers for his defense "conspiracy." He says that well known parties have conspired with Mr. S. E. Boys and others, for the purpose of damaging his - the defendant's - reputation.

We cannot vouch for the truth of such statements, but it is said by those in position to know, that from the opening of the court until the close of the case, the audience will be kept keyed up to the point of convulsions by the unique proceedings.

Wit, pathos, eloquence, laughable local hits and vagaries will be drawn upon without the shade of offense to refined tastes, the Mock Court Trial will be an event of unusual interest.

Marriage License.

Jas. Schultheiss, 47, to Elsie Gaskill, 19, both of this city.

SHOULD WORK FOR LOWER INSURANCE

CITY RATES CAN BE CHANGED FOR THE BETTER IF EVERY ONE WILL CLEAN BASEMENTS AND ALLEYS.

INSPECTORS COMING

Commercial Club Committee Asks All Business Houses to See That Their Premises Are Free From Trash.

The National Underwriters Fire Insurance Companies have organized a committee of fifty expert inspectors, everyone of them being engineers, and as capable men as they could possibly secure to inspect every city in the United States and fix rates. They have been at this for two years. They will classify and inspect them in the regular order. At the present time they are inspecting cities in the class of South Bend. The next class for inspection will be the one in which Plymouth is situated. The rate they are fixing is formed by taking a certain per cent of 800 different items, most of which are found in each building and all of them in each town. These rates are given to Sellers and Company, of Indianapolis, who in turn appoint district agents, whose business it is to inspect each building and to appraise as many of the 800 items as they can and in that way form the rate each building shall pay for its insurance. The man who has charge of this district is Mr. Kelly, of South Bend. Some of the items that will be taken into consideration will be the amount of rubbish and inflammable materials back of the buildings and in the alley, old buildings that have ceased to be occupied and conditions of waste materials in the basements of buildings. The Commercial Club feels that if each property owner in Plymouth will have all rubbish and inflammable material removed from his buildings, they can greatly assist in reducing the rate of insurance on the city, as well as on the business buildings. The Commercial Club respectfully solicits the assistance of the community.

A HEN PARTY.

Twenty Ladies Surprise Mrs. John Moore—Fine Menu Spread For Company.

A party composed of twenty ladies went in with well filled baskets and planned a great surprise on Mrs. John Moore "better known as Ann." They spent the afternoon in social chat and had a jolly good time only as any one can have at her home. This surprise was given because of their going to leave our city as Mr. Moore has already gone to Benton Harbor where he has a position. They will move in about ten days. We are very sorry to have them leave our city but hope our loss is their gain. The ladies also remembered Mrs. Moore with a beautiful hand bag.

Menu
Boiled ham Mashed Potatoes
Chicken Noodles Gravy
Potato Salad
Bread, butter Pickles
Jelly Fruit Salad
Peach pie a-la-mode
Ice cream and Cake

After the girls had all eat heartily of the good things, Mrs. Bart Staggbury yet had a complete surprise on the whole bunch by ordering ice cream sent over at this home. At five o'clock they all left for their homes by wishing Mrs. Moore and her family success in their new home. Hoping she will have as many smiles for Benton Harbor as she has always had for us. One who was there.